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SUBJECT: BOYD INTERVIEW WITH WASHINGTON POST

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1. THE AMBASSADOR AND OTHER EMBASSY OFFICIALS WILL CONTINUE TO EXPRESS TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OUR DISMAY OVER THE RECENT PANAMANIAN ACCUSATIONS AGAINST THE U.S., INCLUDING THOSE IN THE WASHINGTON POST SEPT. 23. ALMOST NOBODY DOWN HERE BELIEVES THEM; EMBASSY'S DIPLOMATIC NOTE HAS APPARENTLY BEEN ACCEPTED AS FACT BY MOST PANAMANIAN, BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF THE GOVERNMENT. IN SPITE OF THE RATHER INSULTING TONE OF BOYD'S ALLEGED REMARKS TO THE POST REPORTER, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE PARTICULARLY PRODUCTIVE TO SPEAK WITH BOYD AGAIN BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR NEW YORK. THE AMBASSADOR HAS EXPRESSED OUR VIEWS TO BOYD IN SHARP AND UNMISTAKABLE TERMS. BOYD HAS CHOSEN HIS COURSE OF OF ACTION TOWARD THE U.S. WITH HIS EYES OPEN.

2. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE SECRETARY, IN HIS BILATERAL WITH BOYD, EXPRESS HIS CONCERN ABOUT THE DAMAGE WHICH BODY AND THE PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT ARE DOING TO THE
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NEGOTIATINS AND TO U.S.-PANAMANIAN RELATIONS WITH

THEIR UNJUSTIFIED ACCUSATIONS. WE ARE PREPARING A
SEPARATE MESSAGE WITH BACKGROUD AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
THE SECRETARY'S BILATERAL WITH BOYD.
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